[魔道士の遺産] ATSUJI YAMAMOTO PRESENTS

SOMEONE CALLED TO ME FROM BEYOND THE DARK-NESS.

"OPEN YOUR EYES, MY CHILD. AWAKEN AND HEED MY WORDS".

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THE WIZARD'S FORTUNE

I HAVE BEEN BE-TRAYED.
OHH, MY CHILD.
HE SEEKS THE TREASURE I HAVE SPENT A LIFETIME ACCU-MULATING.
HE HAS DECID-ED ON HIS GOAL.
I HAVE BEEN POISONED BY THAT FOOLISH DUKE.
HIS ARMY WILL BE HERE BEFORE LONG.
YOU MUST NOT HAND OVER THE TREASURE.
I'M CERTAIN HE PLANTED SUCH AN ABSURD SCHEME INTO THAT USELESS MIND THE KING POSSESSES.

PROTECT IT TO THE VERY ENDS OF YOUR LIFE!
MY CHILD!! YOU MUST PROTECT MY TREASURE FROM THE HANDS OF THESE THIEVES!
BY ORDER OF THE KING, OPEN THIS GATE!
IF YOU DO NOT OPEN IT, WE WILL TEAR IT DOWN!
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AS HE SPOKE HIS LAST WORDS, THE OLD MAN COLLAPSED INTO A PITIFUL HEAP ON THE GROUND.
WERE TOWARDS THIS FROZEN GROUP OF EMISSARIES.
THE FIRST STEPS THAT I TOOK,

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DO NOT FALTER, MEN!!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE WIZARD'S MAGIC.
I-IT'S... A MONSTER...
G-GODS
COME QUIETLY AND HAND OVER THE TREASURE YOU'RE GUARDING!
GOLEM! THESE ARE ORDERS FROM THE KING!!
IF IT'S THE TREASURE YOU SEEK, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FOR IT.
I WILL FOLLOW NO-ONE'S ORDERS BUT THOSE OF MY FATHER WHO CREATED ME.
SO YOU'RE THE DUKE.
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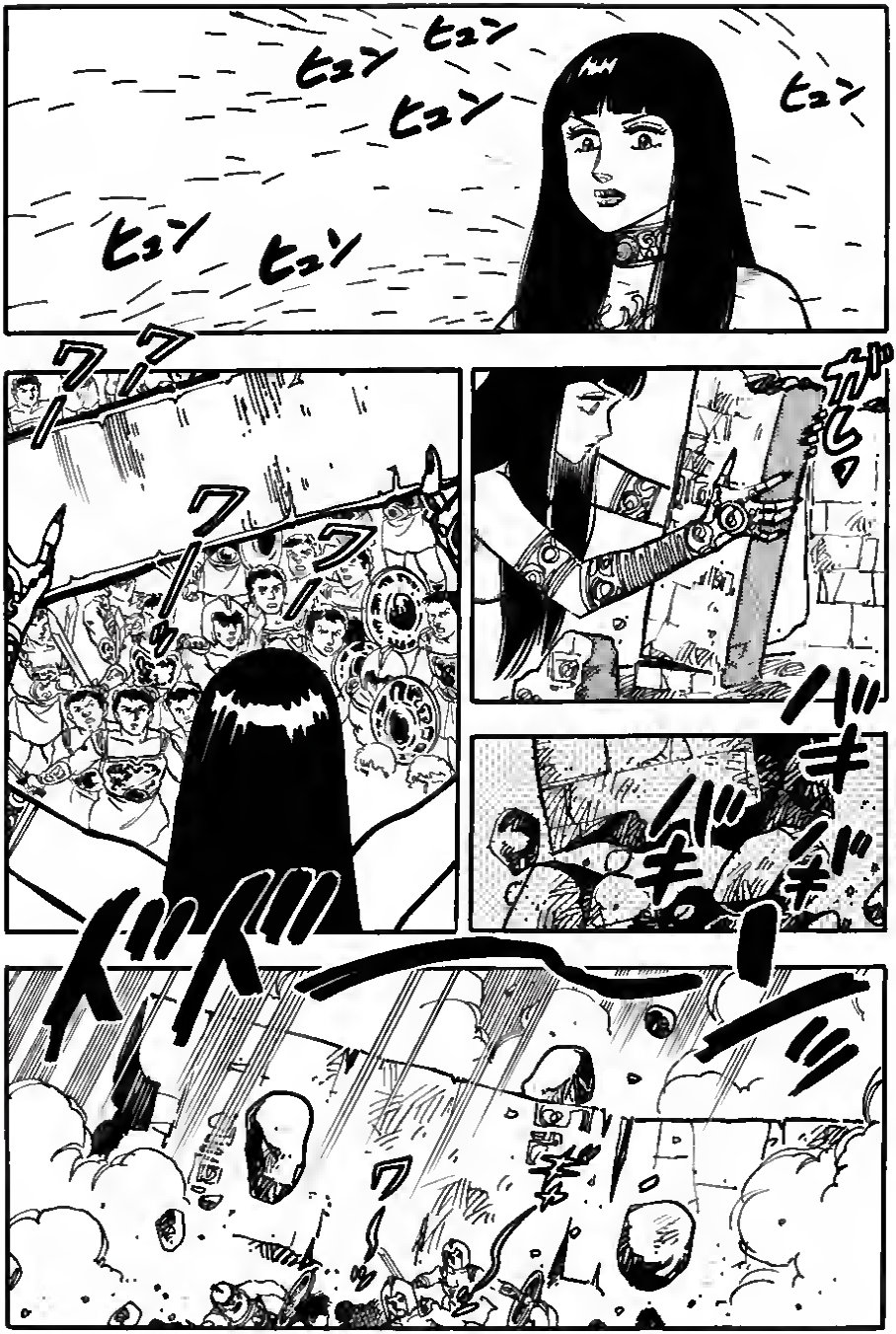
SO BEGAN THE DAYS OF BLOOD-SHED.
FIRE!!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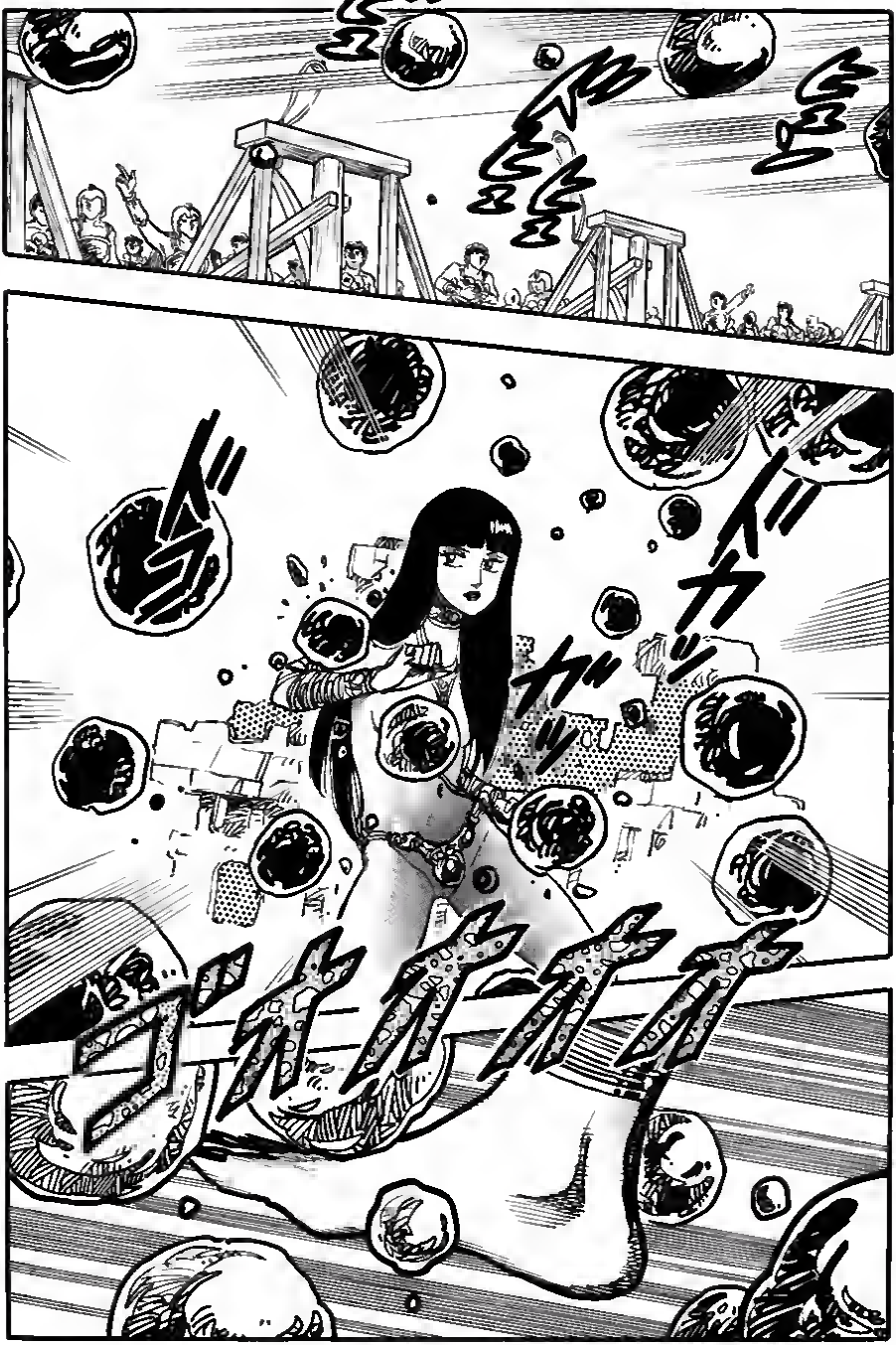
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LIGHT THE FIRE!
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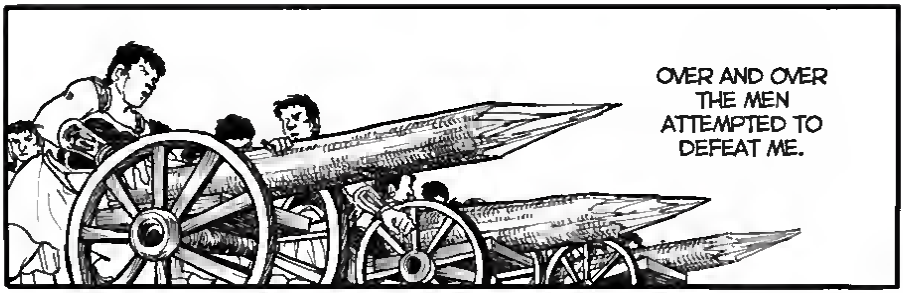
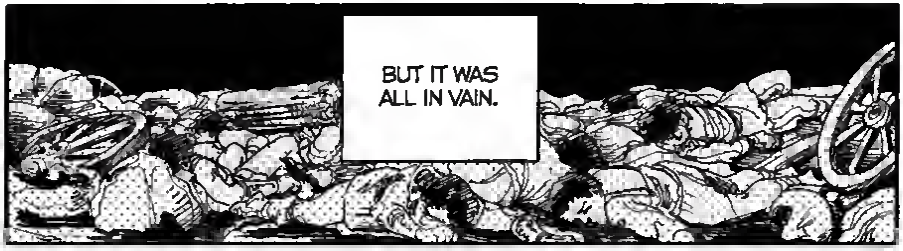
GOLEM?
FUHAHA. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT,
IM... IMPOS-SIBLE!
COULD IT BE IM-MORTAL ...?


OVER AND OVER THE MEN ATTEMPTED TO DEFEAT ME.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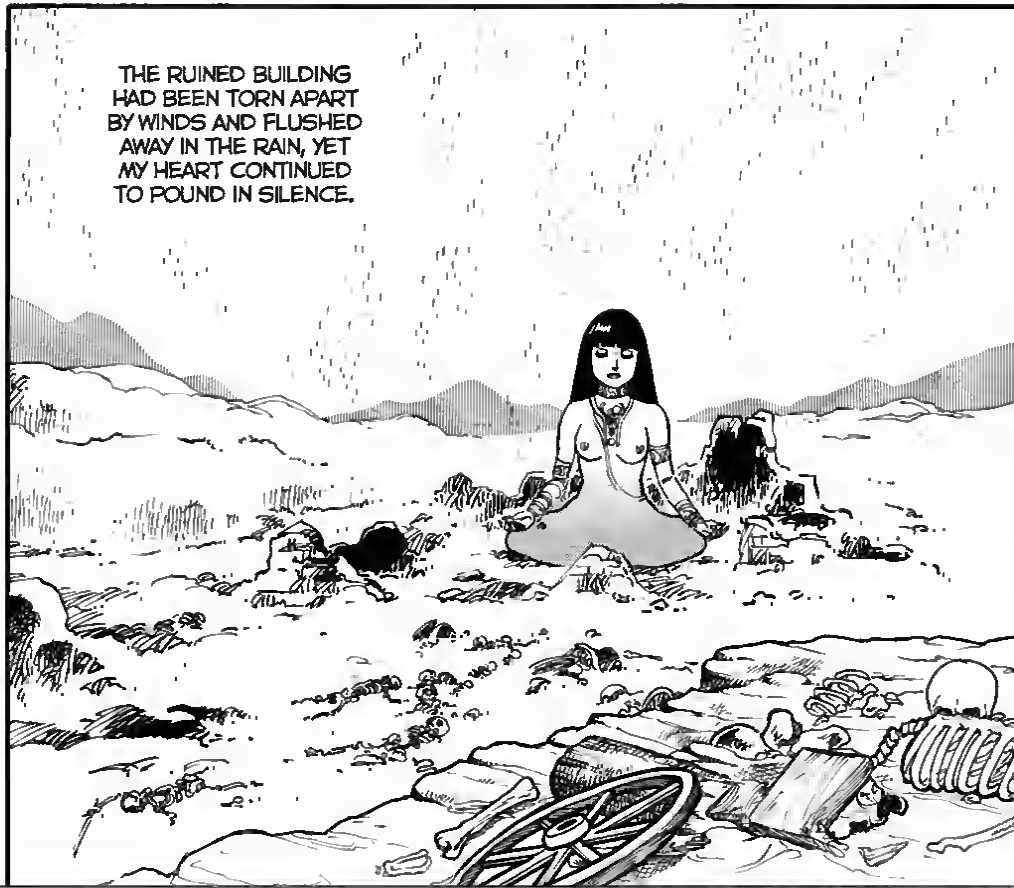
THE RUINED BUILDING HAD BEEN TORN APART BY WINDS AND FLUSHED AWAY IN THE RAIN, YET MY HEART CONTINUED TO POUND IN SILENCE.

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HEY THERE, YOUNG LADY.
HMM
YOU'VE BEEN SITTING OUT HERE ALONE FOR AGES.
WHATCHA THINKING ABOUT?
I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THE DUTY GIVEN TO ME.
AND THIS BUILDING'S TREASURE...

IS THIS REALLY WORTH MAKING SUCH A FUSS OVER?
WHAT-CHA THINKS WITH THOSE HUMANS?
THE OLD MAN MUSTA STOCKED UP ON THE STUFF, HUH.
TREAS-URE, HUH?
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EVEN THOUGH HE WAS A WIZARD.
LOST HIS LIFE OVER IT, HUH.
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS A GREAT WIZARD.
THE CROWS SPOUTED NOTHING BUT NON-SENSE.
MUSTA BEEN THE KING
MUSTA BEEN POISON
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BEHOLD, GOLEM!!
TODAY MARKS YOUR DOOM.
OUR GREAT KING HAS TRANSPORTED THIS MORTAR FROM THE FAR EAST.
FIRE!

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GAUGH!
GYA!
WAAGH!
WHAT MANNER OF BEAST IS THIS?!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!
RUN ...
G-... GODS. ..

FOOLISH HUMANS.
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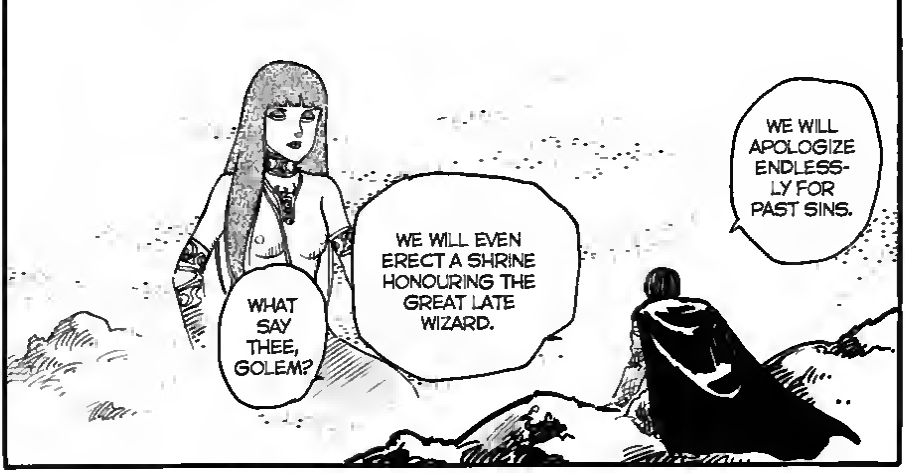
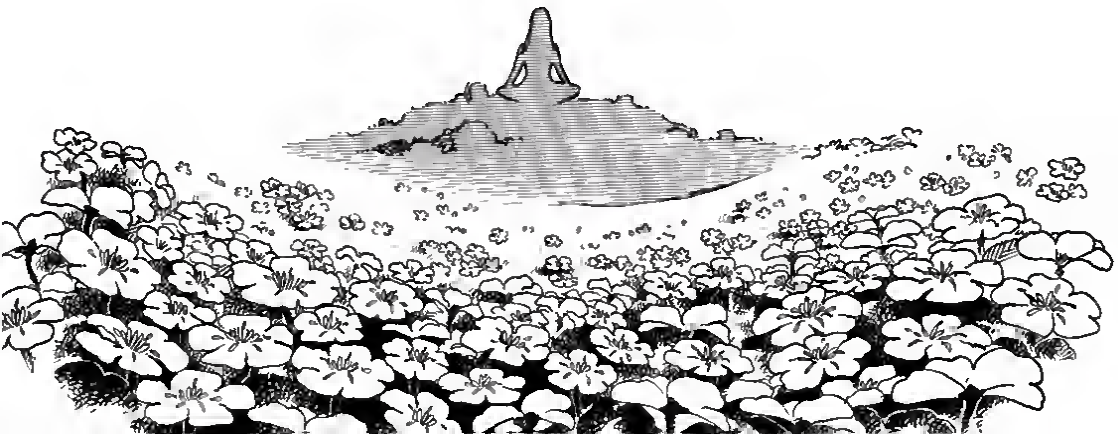
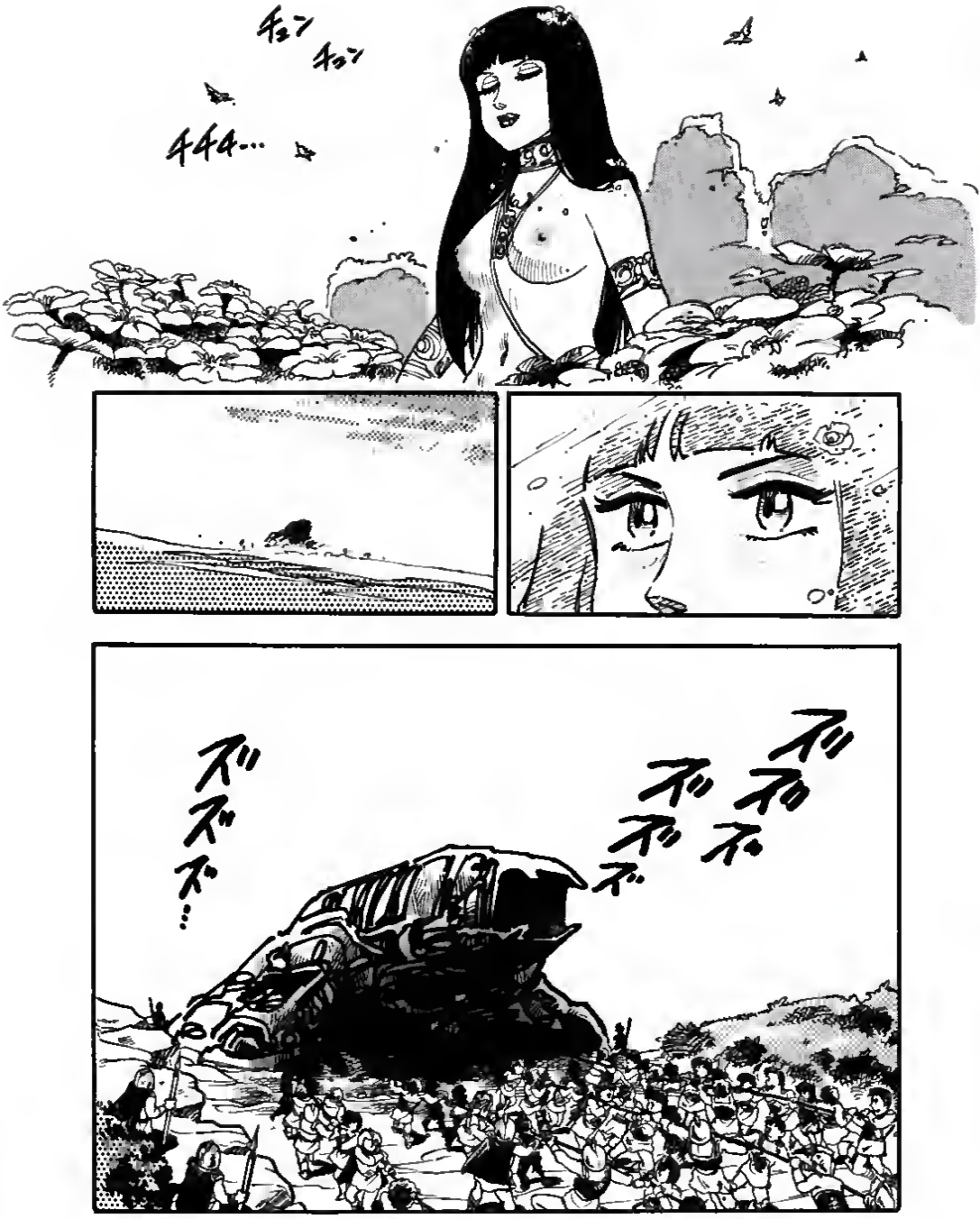
JUST WHEN WILL THEY REALISE THAT FOR ALL THE WEAPONS THEY POSSESS, NONE WILL DEFEAT ME?
I BE-SEECH YOU, GOLEM.
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THE TREAS-URE WOULD BE WORTH-LESS TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU?
IT WOULD BE PUT TO GREAT USE BY OUR KING-DOM.
PLEASE, CALM YOUR ANGER AND GIVE THE TREASURE YOU PROTECT UNTO US.


WHAT SAY THEE, GOLEM?
WE WILL EVEN ERECT A SHRINE HONOURING THE GREAT LATE WIZARD.
WE WILL APOLOGIZE ENDLESSLY FOR PAST SINS.

HE SPOKE A VICIOUS CURSE, TURNED TOWARDS THE HORIZON, AND DISAPPEARED.

WITH A LOOK OF ANGER STAINING HIS FACE,

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A GREAT NUMBER OF DAYS AND NIGHTS HAD PASSED.
WE MEET AGAIN, GOLEM.
THE FIGURE OF THIS MAN I HAD NOT SEEN IN SOME TIME LOOKED DIMINISHED SOMEHOW.
I HAVE LOST A GREAT MANY THINGS TO YOU.
YET THE BEAUTY YOU POSESS IS UN-CHANGED.
I SHOULD NOT HAVE LOST ANY-THING TO YOU.
YOU TOOK MY ARMY... AND MY YOUTH.

THIS IS AN ANCIENT WEAPON WE EXCAVATED FROM BELOW THE NORTHERN ICE AT A SITE WHERE YOUR CREATOR ONCE WORKED.
ONCE AGAIN I SPOKE THOSE WORDS.
LEAVE.
IF IT'S THE TREASURE YOU SEEK, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FOR IT.
WE DON'T WISH TO NEEDLESSLY SPILL ANY MORE BLOOD.
THIS IS MY FINAL REQUEST, GOLEM.
THE LATE KING ONCE TRIED USING IT, AND THE UNDERGROUND FACILITY WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
JUST A SINGLE BLAST PIERCED A MOUNTAIN.
NOT EVEN YOU CAN SURVIVE A BLAST FROM THIS.
IT WAS A GREAT EFFORT ACQUIRING IT.

FIRE!
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WOOOOH!!

I FELT A STRANGE SHOCK CUT THROUGH MY WHOLE BODY.
IN AN IN-STANT, THE SUN'S BRIL-LIANCE FADED.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY EXISTENCE,
I EXPERIENCED WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO FEEL PAIN.
BEGONE, THIEVES.
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I WON'T... HAND OVER THE TREASURE TO ANYONE.
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TH-... THIS IS...
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GODS!!
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GOLD!
THAT'S RIGHT, GOLEM!!
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DOWN TO THE LAST DROP OF BLOOD, EVERY BIT OF IT IS GOLD.
YOUR FLESH, YOUR ORGANS,
YOUR LIMBS, YOUR BONES,

TO THINK THE TRUTH ELUDES YOU EVEN NOW.
FOR WHAT OTHER REASON COULD A STATUE HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN GIVEN LIFE?
WAS NONE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN BODY!
THE TREASURE YOU WERE PROTECTING THIS WHOLE TIME,
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I SHALL CLAIM THIS VICTORY IN THE NAME OF THE MANY SOULS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES.
IT WAS A LONG BATTLE.
PROTECT IT TO THE VERY ENDS OF YOUR LIFE!
YOU MUST PROTECT MY TREASURE FROM THE HANDS OF THESE THEMES!
I SEE NOW...
I RECALLED THE LAST WORDS MY CREATOR SPOKE TO ME.

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GLORY TO THE GREAT SOON-TO-BE GENERAL!
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GLORY TO THE DUKE!!
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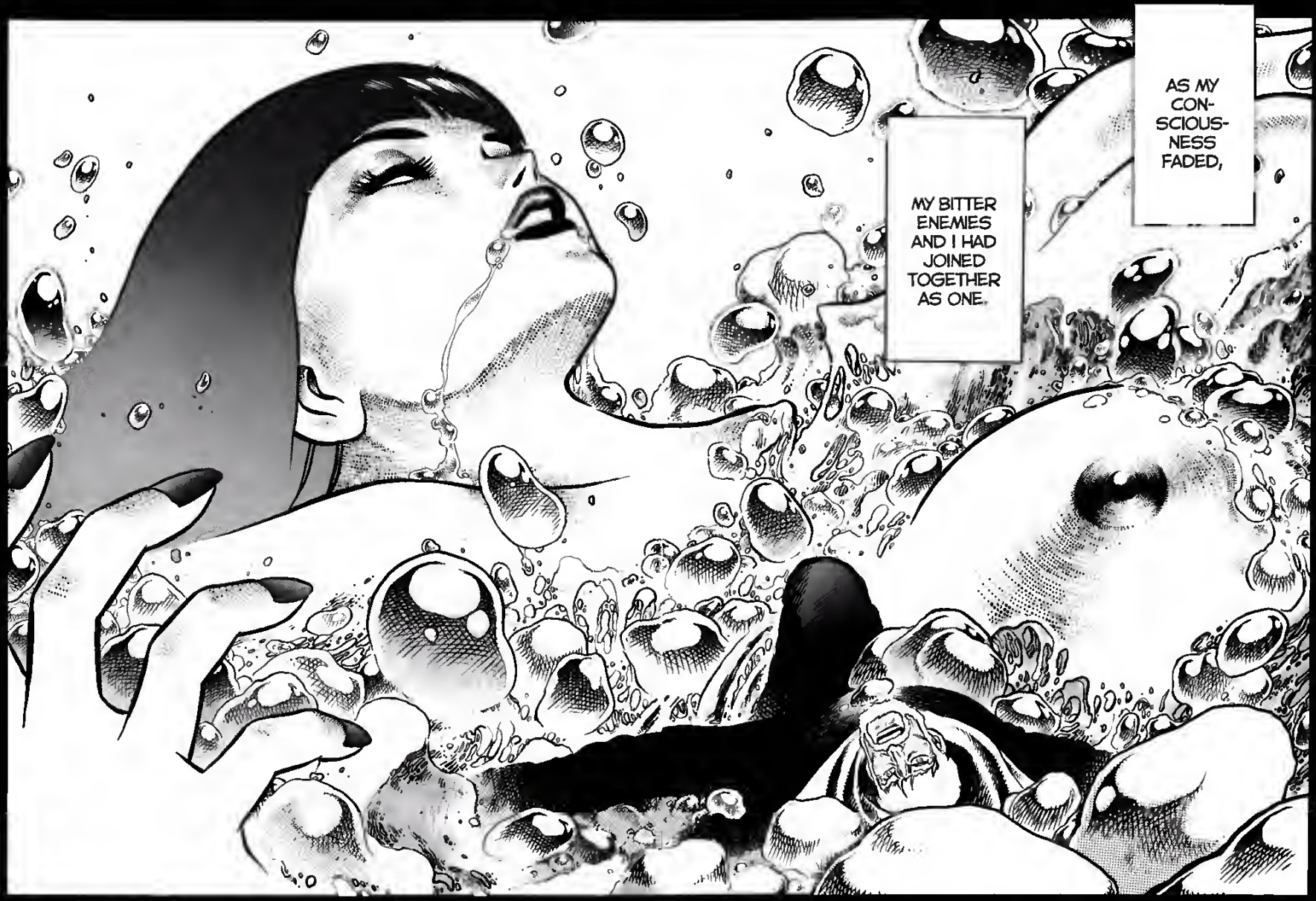
THIS WELL OF LIFE HAS NOT YET BEEN DRAINED.
BUT...
WICKED DUKE...
I HAVE... SURELY BEEN BESTED BY YOU.
WHAT !!
SHE'S STILL MOVING ?!
EVEN AFTER SUF-FERING SUCH AN INJURY,

TO SHOW MY RESPECT TO SUCH A GREAT DUKE,
I SHALL WILLINGLY BEQUETH MY TREASURE UNTO YOU.
S... STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!


AS MY CON-SCIOUS-NESS FADED,
MY BITTER ENEMIES AND I HAD JOINED TOGETHER AS ONE.

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